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AN IMPROVED STRAINED SURFACE  
LAYER AND METHOD OF FORMING A  
STRAINED SURFACE LAYER IN A  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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